

The COMPASS. Your guide to Italy and beyond



Steady connection

Airman 1st Class Drew Williams, 603rd Air Control Squadron satellite wideband telemetry systems technician, adjusts the antenna elevation on a ground multi-band terminal at the 603rd ACS compound. The 603rd ACS mission is to operate a mobile unit capable of providing radar control and surveillance within a designated area, to collect, display, and disseminate information of aerial activity and to provide radar coverage for the control of air forces.

Flybys

Legal office hours

Beginning July 6, legal assistance will be available to walk-ins from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9-10 a.m. on Fridays. Will executions are offered at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

AFSA membership drive, meeting

The Aviano Air Force Sergeants Association hosts a membership drive from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 21 at the base exchange entrance. This is a great opportunity for enlisted members and their families to join or renew their membership conveniently.

The next AFSA general membership meeting is from 3-4 p.m. July 21 at the La Bella Vista Club. For details, call 632-7770.

Heart Link

The next Aviano Heart Link is July 24 at 8 a.m. at the La Bella Vista Club. The workshop is designed to educate military spouses on the Air Force culture and to help them

adapt to the challenges of military life. The free event includes lunch. Childcare is also provided and paid for by the Air Force Aid Society. Sign-up is on a first-come, firstserved basis. To register, call 0434-30-5407.

Aviano Thrift Shop

The Aviano Thrift Shop is closed until July 13 for summer break. For more information, call 632-5402.

Job opportunities

Those interested in available civil service job opportunities on base should check out www.usajobs.gov. Job benefits include job security, a retirement plan, sick leave, annual leave and 10 federal holidays.

To better understand working for the federal government, visit http://opm.gov/video_library/Recruitment/index. asp. For more information, call Bessie Edwards at 632-

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Commentary

Five steps toward financial security

"... taking the additional

time to understand your entire

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yourself will translate to fewer

frustrations down the road."

By Maj. Derren Burrell

31st Comptroller Squadron commander

As the 31st Comptroller Squadron commander, I thought it only fitting to use this opportunity to discuss how Aviano Airman can become financially ready.

So much in the headlines today speaks of finances. Think of the economic situation in the U.S., the roller coaster ride of the stock market, the immense amount of identity theft ... how can you ignore the financial side of your life? The short answer is you cannot, at least not without severe consequences to the other aspects of your lifestyle.

We have the physical training program to keep us fit to fight. We have ancillary training to ensure that we're ready to deploy on a moment's notice. I believe it is incumbent on every Airman to be financially fit, to seek out financial training and education so that this important area of our lives receives the level of attention that it deserves.

Here are a few steps slightly modified from SaveAndInvest.

org to help you become more responsible in managing your finances:

Define Your Goals

Pretty simple step here, if you don't have direction, you'll never reach a destination. We all have goals (own a home, pay for our kid's college, buy that boat, etc.). When you map out your destination (in prioritized order), then you can effectively determine how to save in order to reach that goal.

Make a Financial Plan

Just like a business, you'll want to list everything you own (assets, cash, etc.), along with everything you owe (liabilities). The idea is to have more assets than liabilities, thus allowing you to save the "positive" amount for the goals outlined in the first step. This could mean in getting out of some debt, whether that be credit cards, student loans, etc. Some detailed action plans to help you in this step can be found at SaveAndInvest.org. Be sure to check them out as well.

Determine Your Risk Tolerance

Here's where we get into the "nitty gritty." If you're debt-free or close to it, then now you embark on saving and investing to meet those goals you've outlined for yourself. Saving refers to low-risk, low return on some parts of your money (i.e. a savings account). This is the bedrock of your

plan, as these dollars could serve as an "emergency fund" so you don't get back into bad debts (most financial professionals recommend having an emergency fund equal to 3-6 months of your base pay). Investing implies that you'd like a slightly higher return for your money, which involves greater risk than savings. Depending on how much risk you can handle will depend on which investment vehicle is right for you. Don't blow over this step. Most professionals will tell you managing your risk tolerance is key in maintaining a balanced perspective when it comes to investing.

Investment Products: Your Choices

For just getting started, you're best in learning about

stocks, bonds and exchange traded funds. (SaveAndInvest.org recommends mutual funds, but exchange traded funds, or ETFs, offer many advantages over traditional mutual funds, which are beyond the scope of this article).

"Pick" a Financial Professional

In the world of online banking, discount brokers, and tons of free investment information, I disagree with SaveAndInvest.org that you should actually "hire" a financial

professional. Unless you have absolutely no interest in managing your own money, I find investing a worthwhile endeavor that can pay you back over time. While it will take some learning upfront, you'll gain a sense of confidence and understanding while at the same time (hopefully) edging ever closer to your financial goals.

A few books that may assist you in understanding how

- "The Intelligent Investor: The Definitive Book on Value Investing. A Book of Practical Counsel" (Revised Edition) by Benjamin Graham
- "How to Make Money in Stocks: A Winning System in Good Times and Bad, Fourth Edition" by William O'Neil
- "The Disciplined Investor: Essential Strategies for Success" by Andrew Horowitz

In closing, I'd like to offer some simple words of caution, don't try to rush to the last step (investing), without going through all the steps in prioritized order. You need to walk before you can run, and taking the additional time to understand your entire financial picture and educate yourself will translate to fewer frustrations down the road.

While this article won't guarantee you \$1 million, I do believe if you follow these steps you will certainly find yourself much more financially prepared than you ever thought possible, so start your financial journey today.

Retirees news line

Aviano retirees with access to a DSN line, can now call 312-665-5001 for a daily briefing concerning retirees. For additional information, contact the base Retiree Activities office at 632-5665.

Latin American Society

Base members are invited to join the Latin American Society which meets at 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the community center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Yvette Arce at 632-5321.

Information, Tickets and Travel 0434-30-3107/5026, DSN 632-3107/5026| Area 1, Bldg. 110

July 8	Mirabilandia Amusement & Water Park €59 Deadline: 3 July	July 18	Guided Florence €49 Deadline: 13 July
July 11	Croatia By Boat €74 Deadline: 6 July	July 18	Rome Express €69 Deadline: 13 July
July 11	Pedavena Beer Tasting €49 Deadline: 6 July	July 22	Lake Garda's Aqua Paradise Water Park €59 Deadline: 17 July
July 10-12	French Riviera, Canne, Nice, Monaco & Monte	July 25	Croatia by Boat €74 Deadline: 20 July
	Carlo €169 Deadline: 29 June	July 25	Legoland Express €89 Deadline: 20 July
July 18	Guided Verona & Medieval Times	July 25-26	
	€64 Deadline: 13 July		Vienna & Danube River €154 Deadline: 13 July

Bowling Center 0434-30-7487, DSN 632-7487| Area 1, Bldg. 179

Quarter Cosmic
Tuesdays 5-9 p.m.
\$5 Cosmic Bowl cover charge
and ONLY \$0.25 for games, shoes & selected menu items!

Five Buck ThursdayPay \$5 and bowl for three hours, shoe rental included too!

Summer Strike Party July 20 - Aug. 31 It's a party everyday at the Bowling Center, please call the Bowling Center for daily specials. Outdoor Recreation 0434-30-8623, DSN 632-8623 Flightline, Bldg. 1479

Swim Lessons

Cost is \$25.

Session 4: July 28-Aug. 7

*Sign-up July 18

Session 5: Aug. 11-21

*Sign-up Aug. 1



Pool Party Sign Ups Pool party hours are from 8-11:30 p.m. on Wed., Fri., Sat & Sun only. Cost \$75 per booking, plus guard fee.

HRO

0434-30-5747, DSN 632-5747| Area 2, Bldg. 256

www.usafejobs.com

Accounting Office Accounting Technician, Budget **Assistant**

Alpine Golf Course

Arts & Crafts Center Sales Clerk

Aviano Youth Program Child and Youth Program Assistant, Cook

Bowling Center Cook, Cashier Checker,

Child Development Center Child and Youth Program Assistant

La Bella Vista Club Club Operations Assistant, Waiter, Cook, Cashier, Food Service Worker, Bartender, Lead Cashier

Mountain View Lodging Custodial Worker

Outdoor Recreation Center Recreation Aid, Recreation Aid-Life Guard (Temp)

School Age ProgramChild and Youth Program Assistant

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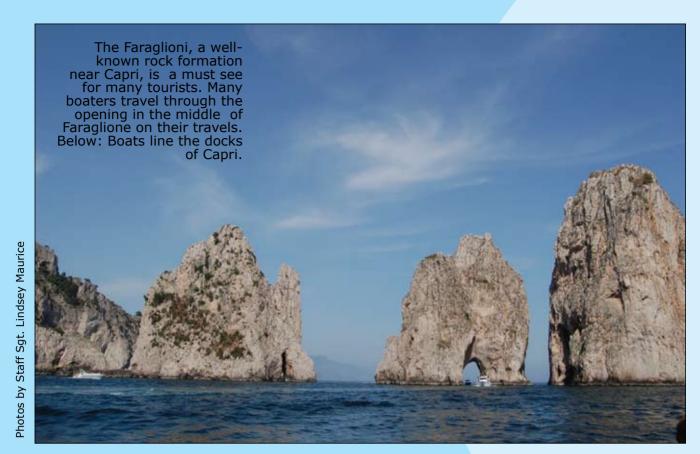
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Capri

Situated on the southern side of the Gulf of Naples, Capri has been a beautiful vacation destination since the days of the Roman Republic.

Although heavily populated over the summer months, the city guarantees something to pique everyone's interest, from boating and fishing to sightseeing and shopping or simply enjoying a gelato or lemon sorbeto at a roadside gelateria or café. One thing of note is that Capri does not have a beach; however, those interested in swimming or sunbathing can do so boat-side. Capri can be reached via a ferry from Naples or Sorrento, Italy.



A trip on the cable car up the mountain provides a great view of the city. Far right: Water surrounding the Grotta Verde gets its green coloring from the sunlight.





Positano

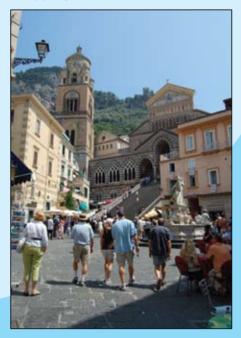
Making a big screen appearance in the movie "Under the Tuscan Sun," the small town of Positano has captured many hearts. Located along the Amalfi Coast, the city offers many of the same activities as Capri to include boating, sunbathing and shopping. Americans looking to enjoy the beach should note that it consists of pebbles and not sand, so water shoes are important to pack. Shoppers should also pack walking shoes and cool clothing as their shopping excursion will traverse uphill. Luckily, there are beautiful flower-covered trellises above many of the walkways, providing shade to visitors, and there are a variety of restaurants and cafés to rest in along the way.



Vine and flower covered trellises provide shade for shoppers roaming the streets of Positano.



Visitors of Positano can partake in a variety of activites from lounging on the beach, going for a boat ride, dining at a sidewalk cafe or shopping.



Things to pack:

- Good walking shoes
- Bathing suit, towel & water shoes
- Sunscreen & beach hat for protection
- Camera
- Euro for all the great food and souvenirs

St. Andrew's Cathedral, or "the Duomo" as the locals call it, overlooks the Piazza Duomo. The area includes a variety of shops, cafes and restaurants.

Amalfi

Another memorable stop is Amalfi, located at the foot of Monte Cerreto, at the mouth of a deep ravine. Also a major tourist attraction, the city includes a beautiful cathedral, St. Andrew's Cathedral, or "The Duomo," as well as a beach for sunbathers and a variety of restaurants and boutiques selling local delicacies and crafts.

Citrus grows in abundance in the region, so anything citrus is almost a guarantee to be good, to include Italy's famous Limoncello, a lemon-flavored liqueur.



Layers of houses, hotels and businesses rest along the shoreline of the Amalfi Coast.

Arts & Crafts 0434-30-2989, DSN 632-2989| Flightline, Bldg. 1464

REGISTER NOW! Summer Craft Camp:

Ages 7-10: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 11-14: 1-3 p.m. Monday-Friday Session 2: July 13-17 Session 3: Aug. 17-21 Fees: \$50 per person.

2009 Air Force Gallery Showcase

Aug. 1- Sept. 18 Get your creative juices flowing and prepare now to submit your artwork, crafts and photography. There are two categories: Artist-Craftsman & Photography and three age groups: Youth, 6-12; Youth, 13-17; & 18+ for Adults.



Auto Hobby Shop 0434-30-2277, DSN 632-2277 Flight Line, Bldg. 1464

Have Car Question and Need Answers? E-mail your car issues to the Auto Hobby Shop at 31fss.autoshop@aviano.af.mil for your car care concerns.

Car A/C Service
It's HOT! Beat the heat by letting
the Auto Hobby Shop service your
Air Conditioning "R134a" systems.

Orientation Safety Briefings
Mon- Sat 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
or 4 p.m.The briefing takes
an estimated 30-45 minutes
and covers topics such as
shop safety, equipment usage,
hours of operation, proper form
documentation and much more.

Did you know?
The Auto Hobby Center offers onbase road side assistance for any
I.D. card holder with
an AFI registered vehicle
that is experiencing
mechanical problems.

Community Center 0434-30-5479, DSN 632-5479, DSN 632-5479| Area 1, Bldg. 106

XBOX Street Fighter July 10, 5-10 p.m.

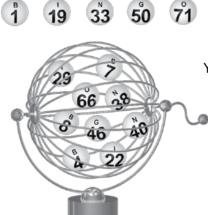
Free food & Amazon Gift cards to the winners.

Designer Beach Bag Bingo July 16, 5-9 p.m. \$5 per card, 4 card minimum,

10 rounds. 10 cards for \$40.00.

Pool Tournament

July 17, 7 p.m. Must be18 and up. \$15 entry, cash prizes for 1st and 2nd places.



Sink or Swim

Aug. 21, 2 p.m.-1 a.m. Family category & Airman category. Sign up, receive rules, start constructing your boat, Also, Are You Smarter Than the Shirts?, Beach Blanket Bingo & Live DJ Karaoke.

Italian Cooking

Classes are available Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Call for men'u schedule.

Yoga, Kuk Sool Won martial arts, dance workshops/lessons and private lessons available in voice & instruments available. Please call for more info.

Alpine Golf Course

0434-30-7386, DSN 632-7386| Flightline, Bldg. 1391

1/2 Off Green Fees for Active Duty Military on July 3.

Nike Sale is On-going Through July!

Hole-In-One Contest
July 4, 7 p.m.; The first person to make a hole-in-one will win a NEW car. To enter you must be 18yrs & older and ID card holder.
Contest limited to first 52 sign-ups. Hole-in-One will be from 192 yard distance.

Beat the Pro

July 11
Buy a gift certificate and play golf. If your score, with handicap beats the pros score that day, your gift certificate doubles.



Scotch Doubles
July 18, Shotgun start at 3 p.m.
\$10 per person. The format is alternate shot and the Calloway handicap system will be used.

Golf for Kids
July 13-31
\$99 - Includes a set of clubs to keep.
\$49 - Without clubs. Space is very limited, sign up today!

WEGE \$5 entry, 9 hole event every Wednesday night. Green fees & cart fee are not included.

Warrior Adventure Quest comes to Camp Darby



By Chiara Mattirolo USAG Livorno Public Affairs

High adventure outdoor recreation trips designed to push your agility and capabilities are now available through U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Outdoor Recreation as part of Warrior Adventure Quest.

The Warrior Adventure Quest is a combination of high adventure outdoor recreation activities.

"High adrenaline adventure trips are scheduled for the summer, from hiking in the Apuane Alps to deep sea fishing, Adventure parks and white water rafting to mention some," said Robert Collodi, Outdoor Recreation program manager.

On July 11, ODR has its first special, wild and adventurous trip happening within about an hour drive from Camp Darby at the Riparbella (Pisa) Hanging Garden Park.

The park offers acrobatic courses including fixed and suspended platforms linked by crossings of varying length and difficulty degrees thru the tree tops.

Before being allowed to attempt the courses, everyone has to go thru a briefing and a little test provided by the park instructors, according to Mr. Collodi.

Users are supplied with all the necessary equipment to perform in complete safety.

Another great trip is scheduled on Aug. 22 in the wonderful mountains of Garfagnana (Lucca), near the natural park of "Orecchiella", with a beautiful view of the Apuane Alps, is the "Selva del Buffardello" Adventure Park.

Participants can test their ability with suspension bridges, swinging beams,

vertical nets, ropes and obstacles.

The acrobatic courses in this adventure park are offered at four levels of difficulty green, blue, red and black, to adjust to everyone's level of ability.

"This is a great opportunity to enjoy the fun with ODR and to take advantage of the innumerous outdoor activities that the natural configuration of this Tuscan area offers," Mr. Collodi said.

ODR has an intense schedule of high adrenaline events throughout the summer, he added.

If you are interested in testing your ability to deal with nature or your strength, check out the detailed program online at www.usag.livorno.army.mil or call the U.S. Army Garrison Livorno ODR at DSN 633-7229 to book your next outdoors adventure.

Plan your Tuscan dream vacation at www.usag.livorno.army.

Youth Programs 0434-30-7575, DSN 632-7575| Area 1, Bldg. 116

Kids Night Out
July 10, 6:30-10 p.m.
\$10 for non-members, \$8 for members. Deadline
to register: July 8

Give Parents A BreakJuly 24, 6:30-11 p.m.
No charge with a referral. \$3/hr without referral on space available. Deadline to sign-up: July 22

Taekwondo Summer CampsJuly 7-9 or 21-23; Aug. 4-6 or 18-20, 3-4 p.m.
Cost per camp is \$15.00. Students who attend 2 or more camps receive a Taekwondo t-shirt.

Ascoli Academy Soccer Camps \$15/MBRS & \$20 Non-MBRS. Participants will receive a Camp T-shirt and soccer ball. Register by July 6; Camp starts July 13-17 Register by July 20; Camp starts July 27-31

Membership Drive \$18 for 6 month membership. All current youth membership will expire June 30.

Trevor Romain USO Tour

July 14 @ Youth Center Gym 10:15 a.m. - Kids only show (The art of caring and rock the world) 5 p.m. - Adults only show (How to be a great parent even when you don't feel like it)

Summer Camp Registration
On-going at the School Age Program & open to all youth ages 6-12. For more information, contact the SAP at 632-7575.



Outdoor Soccer
Registration is open July 13-Aug. 7. Cost is \$45. Season starts September 12. A current physical on file is required for participation.

Start Smart Soccer

Ages 3-4 yrs old. Must have current sports physical. Registration begins July 13-Aug. 7. Spots are limited. Cost is \$30.

Lignano Beach
July 31 & Aug. 14
Ages: 9-18 yrs old.
\$15/MBRS & \$20/Non-MBRS.

Airman and Family Readiness 0434-30-5407, DSN 632- 5407| Flightline, Bldg. 1431

Re-Integration BriefingJuly 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 & 31, 9-9:30 a.m.

Pre-Separation Briefing
July 7 & 21, 1-3 p.m.
This class fulfills the mandatory requirement for all personnel retiring/separating from the military. This class should be completed 90 days before separation/retirement.

Money Talk

July 7, 2-3:30 p.m.

This money management class includes goal setting, financial planning, credit reports and debt management. Individuals leave the class with important tools necessary to become financially sound.

Smooth Move

July 10, 17, 24 & 31, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Provides a consolidated two hour briefing of relocation services brought to you by Wing agencies such as AMC, TMO household goods, finance bousing local action and agricus you. finance, housing, legal, etc. and equips you with all the information you will need for a Smooth Move PCS from Aviano AB, Italy.

Mandatory for E-4 and below.

Pre-Deployment Readiness Briefing July 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1-2:30 p.m. This class is required for all those going TDY or deploying for more than 30 days and will fulfill your pre-deployment checklist requirement.



Transition Assistance Program

3-Day Workshop (TAP)July 14-16, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
TAP workshops are conducted by trained DOL facilitators. Participants will learn to write effective resumes and cover letters, interviewing techniques and successful job search methods.

Sponsorship Training
July 15, 3-4 p.m.
All first time active duty sponsors and those who have not had training in over a year are required to attend sponsorship training. The training reviews the basic requirements of sponsorship and provides useful resources to better assist the newcomer.

Employment Class
July 20, 8 a.m.-noon
This workshop enhances the marketability and employability of spouses and active duty members and thoroughly discusses developing a resume, effective interviewing techniques, and job search skills.

Deployed Spouse Dinner
July 23, 6-8 p.m.
Located at La Dolce Vita Dining Facility. RSVP
by July 16 with your unit first sergeant or key spouse.

Child Development Center 0434-30-8246, DSN 632-8246 Area 1, Bldg. 174 0434-30-5199, DSN 632-5199 Flightline, Bldg. 1476

Parents Night Out
July 10, 6:30-10 p.m.
CDC Flightline 632-5199;
Cost \$12 per child.
Deadline to register:July 8



Give Parents A Break
July 24, 6:30-11 p.m.
CDC Area 1 632-8246;
By referral or \$3 an hour.
Deadline to register: July 22

Library 0434-30-5382, DSN 632-5382| Area 1, Bldg. 145



Arrive at the Aviano Base Library
Your library has added several titles from the Great Courses to its collection. The courses are available in two formats, Audio CDs or DVD, depending on the course. Taught by the top 1% professors from the best colleges and universities in America, these portable courses are sure to enhance your lifelong learning experience. Also an excellent study resource for those who are preparing for CLEP and Dantes examinations.

Great Courses

Be Creative At Your Library Summer Reading Program

The Program will run from
June 16-Aug. 14,
with a Finale Party on Aug. 15.
Two sessions to be held:
Tuesdays 10:30-11:30a.m.
(Preschool Story Time & Crafts) &
Thursday 11a.m.-12p.m.
(5-9 year olds Story Time & Crafts).

Education Center

0434-30-5330, DSN 632-5330| Area 1, Bldg. 147

University of Phoenix 632-5139

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 632-5140

University of Maryland University College 632-5365

Central Texas College 632-5143

University of Oklahoma 632-5977 Post-9/11 GI Bill
Come learn the basics of this exciting new program!
Upcoming Informational Briefings:
July 6, 8, 13 & 15 at 1 p.m.
www.gibill.va.gov

Term I Classes Begin in August!Term I schedules will be available mid-July for classes starting Aug. 24.

Commissioning Briefings
Aug. 20 & Sept. 17, 10 a.m.
Come learn about the numerous programs available!



Fitness & Sports Center 0434-30-7459, DSN 632-7459 Flightline, Bldg. 1405 0434-30-7574, DSN 632-7574 Area 2, Bldg. 240

Adult Tae Kwon Do
Class will be held 10:30-11:30 a.m
on Monday & Wednesday and
7:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday,
Tuesday & Thursday at the
Dragon Fitness Center.
Monthly fees are \$42 per adult.

Aviano Elite Basic Fitness Classes Mon - Wed 3:30 p.m.: Orientation classes Mon - Wed 4:30 p.m.: Advanced Classes Tues/Thurs 11:30 a.m. At Area 2 Fitness Center.



Dragon Fitness Center's male and female showers will be closed on June 29- July 3 for maintenance.

3rd Annual Aviano Marathon Sept. 13 is right around the corner. Start Training NOW. Contact the Fitness Center for additional info 632-7459.

Hours of Operation
Falcon Fitness Center will be closed &
Dragon Fitness Center will be open
7 a.m.-7 p.m.